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1. MEETING HELD AT TURKISH EMBASSY AUG. 22 TO DISCUSS JOINT APPROACH TO GOA ON UNRWA FUNDS AS REPORTED REF A. MEETING, CHAIRED BY TURKISH CHARGE, WAS ATTENDED BY LEBANESE AMB AND REPS OF FOLLOWING EMBASSIES: US, UK, FRANCE, NORWAY AND JAPAN. (GHANA AND TRINIDAD/TOBAGO HAVE NO RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.

2. LEBANESE AMB REPORTED HE HAD MADE APPROACH TO AMB STEINER, HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPT IN AUSTRIAN FONOFF IN RECENT WEEKS FOR INCREASED AUSTRIAN CONTRIBUTION ON BEHALF OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH PALESTINIAN REFUGEES RESIDE. HE RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP DEMARCHE HERE BY MEMBERS OF WORKING PARY ON UNRWA FINANCES. IT WAS AGREED THAT TURKISH CHARGE, ACCOMPAINED BY REP OF NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, WOULD MAKE APPROACH TO STEINER ON BEHALF OF WORKING PARTY MEMBERS IN VIENNA.

3. LEBANESE AMB SAID HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY STEINER TO BELIEVE AUSTRIANS WOULD MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN
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THEIR CONTRIBUTION. BRITISH REP REPORTED THAT IN RE-

SPONSE TO BRITISH REPRESENTATION RECENTLY FONOFF HAD
INDICATED IT WOULD MAKE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED CON-
TRIBUTION BUT THAT EXACTAMOUNT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED
OUT WITH FINMIN.

4. RESULTS OF TURKISH/NORWEGIAN APPROACH TO FONOFF WILL
BE REPORTED SOONEST.HUMES

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